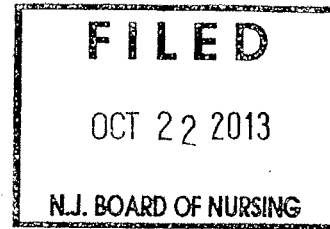


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DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

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| _____ | : | Administrative Action |
| IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE | : | |
| APPLICATION OF | : | |
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| ILENA KOTURO-ALMONTE | : | CONSENT ORDER |
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| TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED | : | |
| NURSE IN THE | : | |
| STATE OF NEW JERSEY | : | |
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Ilena Koturo-Almonte's application for licensure by examination. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background

Check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had checked "no" in response to the questions relating to arrests and/or convictions on her application and on the Criminal History Background Check, she had been arrested on January 24, 1985 and charged with theft by unlawful taking. The applicant was unable to obtain documentation of the disposition of the arrest, but indicated that she believed that she paid a fine and the charges were dismissed. The applicant claimed that she checked "no" in response to the questions on the application relating to arrests and convictions because the event occurred many years ago, she had not considered it an arrest, and she had taken other background checks over the years which did not reveal that she had been charged with any offense.

The Board finds that respondent knew or should have known that by checking "no" on the application in response to three questions about arrests and/or convictions she was providing inaccurate information, and that she therefore engaged in misrepresentation on her application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, as the criminal charges, regardless of the disposition, appear to stem from an isolated incident distant in time, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 22nd DAY OF October, 2013


HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and passage of the required examination.

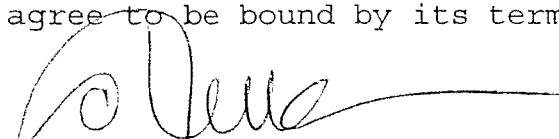
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By:



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I have read and understand the
Within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.



Elena Koturo-Almonte